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This unique cross with the new biennial theme was used as a focal point on the stage in the Gold Room at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel and at the Kiel Auditorium Opera House in St. Louis, Missouri, for the 51st International Christian Endeavor Convention July 5-9. Designed by Walter Feldman, each cross can be disassembled for shipping and storage. The Missouri Union will loan these crosses to other unions; contact Mrs. Earl Kumpe, president, at 7650 Flora Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63143.

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PLANT AND PRUNE

When you stop at the rest spot or miniature park on a highway, do you take its shrubs and flowers for granted? Considerable work is contributed at such places and elsewhere along U.S. and Canadian roads by church groups and societies.

Let the editors of this magazine (and other editors) know if your own society and union has initiated or
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Vonda Kay Van Dyke Citation Recipient

Vonda Kay Van Dyke, former Miss America, received the thirteenth International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation at the 51st International Christian Endeavor Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, July 5-9.

Vonda Kay was presented with the award at the evening mass meeting Monday, July 5, by Elwood Dunn, president of the International Society. Previous citation recipients include Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Herbert C. Hoover, Dr. Harold E. Stassen, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Mrs. Helen Lyon Jones, Theodore R. McKeldin, Dr. Walter H. Judd, President Richard M. Nixon, Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. George K. Schweitzer, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, and Jerome Hines.

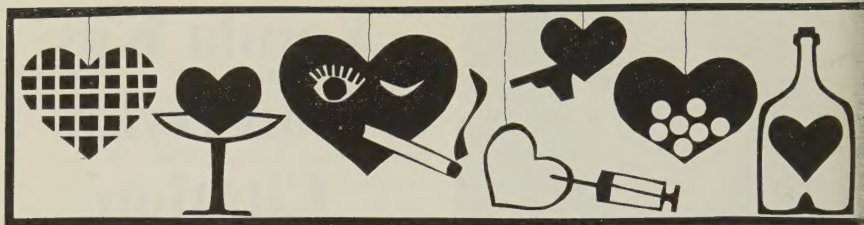
Miss America of 1965 is well-known as speaker and singer for youth rallies and crusades as well as a recording artist and popular guest star on television and radio. A beautiful girl with talent, intelligence, dedication to work, personal charm, and religious convictions, Vonda Kay is a crusader for Christ. She clearly reflects her faith and vitality in the three books she has authored, "That Girl in Your Mirror," "Dear Vonda Kay," and "Reach Up," just released in April.

Openly joyous about her Christian convictions, she has turned to composing and singing religious music. She says, "It is my faith that brings me that sense of joy, the kind of happiness that can swing me right out of this world. I can understand why King David, who has to be one of the most popular lyric writers of all times (the Psalms have been solid international hits for 3,000 years), used the line, 'Make a joyful noise' unto God, in seven of his songs."

One of Miss Van Dyke's goals was to do religious albums for young people that would really get across that "joyful noise." She has since recorded two albums of contemporary religious songs, many of them her own compositions.

Vonda Kay lives in Florida with her husband, Dr. C. Andrew Laird, who is a handsome young surgeon, and her two identical white poodles, named Shalimar and Chanel. At home she is active in the kitchen and enjoys sports. She pilots a plane, works at her golf game, adores surfing and water-skiing, bicycling, boating, and scuba diving, which is her latest fancy.

Vonda Kay through pen and podium offers solid counsel to young people on living, loving, and planning for the future. With faith as her bulwark, this remarkable young woman has been able to match her 1965 Miss America title with steady growth year by year.



Youth ACTION Program 1971-72

Youth, Christian Endeavor societies, and local Christian Endeavor unions can enter the 1972 Christian Youth Witness Program, sponsored by the International Society. The Albert H. Diebold Awards for winners total \$1,300 in cash, award plaques, and honor certificates.

Emphasis of the program is upon action by Christian witnessing on the local level. It is open to all youth in the United States and Canada under 25 years of age and to all Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups and local unions which have a majority of members under 25 years of age.

All entries must be used as a Christian witness in the community. The awards period began February 16, 1971; deadline for entries is February 15, 1972. Write to Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society, for full details.

Individuals

WHO'S ELIGIBLE

All youth in the United States and Canada who are members of a Christian Endeavor society or similar youth group, and who have not yet reached their 25th birthday by February 15, 1972, are eligible.

DATES

Entry must be developed, written, or released after February 15, 1971, and must be completed by February 15, 1972. Deadline for entries is February 15.

WHAT TO ENTER

Article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, cartoon, or activity.

BASIS OF AWARDS

Each entry will be evaluated on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, Christian witness to the community, and overall effectiveness in implementing the purpose of the Christian Youth Witness Program.

AWARDS

First — \$175 in cash
 Second — \$125 in cash
 Third — \$50 in cash
 Five runner-up awards of \$25 in cash
 Award plaques to the top eight winners
 Honor certificates to all other qualified entrants.

Societies

WHO'S ELIGIBLE

All Christian Endeavor societies and similar youth groups or combinations of Christian Endeavor societies or youth groups within a local church in the United States and Canada, with a majority of members under 25 years of age.

DATES

Project must be commenced after February 15, 1971, and must be completed before February 15, 1972. Deadline for entries is February 15.

WHAT TO ENTER

Christian witness project by the society or youth group.

BASIS OF AWARDS

Each entry will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved, Christian witness to the community, and overall effectiveness in implementing the purpose of the Christian Youth Witness Program.

AWARDS

First — \$200 in cash

Second — \$150 in cash

Third — \$100 in cash

Five runner-up awards of \$25 in cash

Award plaques to the top eight winners

Honor certificates to all other qualified entrants.

Local Unions

WHO'S ELIGIBLE

All Christian Endeavor local unions — branch, city, county, or district — in the United States and Canada, with a majority of constituents under 25 years of age.

DATES

Project must be commenced after February 15, 1971, and must be completed by February 15, 1972. Deadline for entries is February 15.

WHAT TO ENTER

Christian witness project sponsored by the union.

BASIS OF AWARDS

Each entry will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved, Christian witness to the community, and overall effectiveness in implementing the purpose of the Christian Youth Witness Program.

AWARDS

First — \$125 in cash

Second — \$75 in cash

Third — \$50 in cash

Award plaques to the top three winners

Honor certificates to all other qualified entrants

Awards

Awards will be announced at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, on April 25, 1972.

Awards will be presented locally as arranged cooperatively by the International Society with Christian Endeavor leaders and/or local church leaders.

White House Conference on Youth

By Elwood Dunn

As the president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, I was invited to represent all of you and the Neighborhood Youth Corps at the White House Conference held in Estes Park, Colorado, April 18-22.

The Conference brought together a thousand young people and five hundred adults. They represented a multitude of areas and interests that are concerned with the problems, visions, and aspirations of youth. Social, economic, industrial, governmental, religious, educational, international, cultural, rehabilitation, as well as other interests were represented. There were some who felt their own particular area was inadequately represented. However, it is difficult to cover the varied interests of millions of youth with 1,500 people.

The delegates were divided into ten Task Forces to consider poverty; draft national services and alternating values, ethics, and culture; foreign situations; legal rights and justice; race and minority relations; drugs; environment; education; and economy and employment. These groups met periodically during the Conference. Each of these segments were again divided into smaller workshops to consider specific phases of the problem. For example, the Task Force on Poverty was broken up into six groups to discuss and make recommendations on the following subjects: guaranteed annual wage, education, housing, health care, recreation, and youth service and learning.

Prior to the meeting, committees had been at work formulating recommendations that were to be considered by each group to see if they agreed and wanted to use these recommendations as their own. Some were adopted and some were changed

and some were rejected completely. The final recommendations were approved by each Task Force. Not all the items came before the entire body. Only those that the Task Forces decided that they wanted to present to the entire body did come before it. Where support from the plenary session was desired the individual Task Force asked the plenary session to consider the specific item.

The meeting seemed to lack organization and some of the Task Forces were quite slow in getting under way with the program at hand. Quite a bit of time was consumed in the discussion of procedure. There were those who wished to abandon the usual methods of reaching conclusions and use something other than voting, but really had nothing better to offer. Most decisions were reached by mutual consent or by actual vote. Efforts were made in the plenary sessions to give proponents of both sides of an issue an opportunity to speak in its behalf. Debate was limited to a certain period of time and a specified number of supporters.

The delegates were serious about the meeting, the problems, and possible solutions. They were often desperately serious as they sought solutions for ills and seemingly unfair situations of long and vexatious standing. The government was called upon again and again to supply money, leadership, and means for solving difficulties. Many of the actions urged were already in progress or being considered by the government through appropriate avenues.

In a cabinet meeting called by the President, forty-five minutes was given to a report of the conference by Secretary Richardson. The Presi-

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Today and Always... Christ

Spirited $\text{♩} = 120$

PRESTON T. BOWLING

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Spirited' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The lyrics are: 'To - day and al - ways Christ shall reign in our lives with full ac - cord! The pow - er of His love will sus - tain as we glo - ri - fy the Lord! Then let us all our voi - ces raise in songs of ev - er - last - ing praise, And yield to Him our lives a - gain, to - day and al - ways Christ!'. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a piano accompaniment and a vocal line.

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Theme Song for the 51st International Christian Endeavor Convention, 1971.

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"TODAY AND ALWAYS --- CHRIST"

• Delivering from Sin

• Developing through Growth

• Directing in Service

• Destining for Eternity

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:1-5)

— DELIVERING FROM SIN

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21)

1. Man's Submission to Sin (1 John 1:8)

- Alienation from God
- Misuse of freedom of choice
- Broken relationships between man and man
- Preoccupation with self-interests
- Lack of meaning and purpose for life

2. Society's Submission to Sin (Romans 3:23)

- Corrupt power structures
- The exploitation of persons

— DIRECTING IN SERVICE

"... By love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13)

1. Service to God (Mark 12:30)

- Through love and adoration
- Through trust and faithfulness
- Through willing obedience
- Through total surrender

2. Service to One's Fellowman (Matthew 25:35-40)

- By expressing love to him
- By giving him understanding
- By granting him acceptance
- By responding to his needs
- By recognizing his gifts and abilities

3. Service to All Mankind (Matthew 28:19, 20)

- Through Christian witness
- Through educational endeavors
- Through social action
- Through Christian outreach

4. Service by the Christian Community (Matthew 5:13-16)

"Through interpreting the message of reconciliation"

- Man's continuous response to God's redemptive acts

— DEVELOPING THROUGH GROWTH

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18)

1. **Grow in Grace** (Hebrews 13:9b)

- Through Bible study
- Through prayer
- Through Christian fellowship
- Through worship

2. **Grow in Knowledge** (Luke 2:52)

- Learn from the Bible
- Learn about yourself
- Learn about others
- Learn about the world

3. **Grow in Christian Character** (II Peter 1:5-7; Matthew 5:3-16)

- Exercise self-control
- Exercise patience
- Exercise godliness
- Exercise brotherly kindness
- Exercise courage

This program is based on the current biennial theme of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The basic material was prepared by Rev. George L. Blackwell, Secretary of Christian Education, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

— DESTINING FOR ETERNITY

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)

1. **Man's Concern about Eternity** (Luke 18:18)

- Dissatisfaction with the present life
- Need for a deeper sense of purpose for living
- Realization that death is inescapable
- Desire for a relationship which has eternal significance
- Curiosity about death and the possibility of life beyond

2. **The Essence of Eternal Life** (Romans 6:23)

- A special quality of life, more than an endless existence
- A life in harmony with God's eternal purpose
- A present, growing experience, as well as a future reality
- A life available to all men
- A life of fulfillment and completion

3. **The Meaning of the Resurrection** (Hebrews 9:15)

- Triumph over natural death
- Assurance of the reality of life after death
- Source of hope for eternal salvation
- Foundation of the Christian Church

4. **The Christian's Assurance** (Romans 8:38, 39)

- No separation from the love of God in Christ
- An eternal relationship with God
- Full realization of the kingdom of God

Report by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows

India, Lebanon, Egypt, -- May 6-23, 1971

Much was packed into these few days — 18,800 miles of travel by plane and approximately 2,000 miles by car to deliver 31 sermons and addresses to audiences numbering from 200 to more than 2,000, besides many conferences and conversations with small groups. There were 91 public commitments to Christ — 83 in India and 8 in Egypt.

The primary objective in India was to share May 8-11 in the Tamil Nadu Christian Assembly of the Church of South India as a representative of the Christian Endeavor movement. There were over 2,000 in attendance. The president was asked to give four major addresses as well as preach for one of the largest congregations in the area. The conference was planned and carried out under the leadership of Bishop Solomon Doraisawmy, although he directed it from his hospital bed. He had experienced a heart attack just before the conference and was confined to his bed. It was reported before the conference was over that he was out of danger and should have no permanent damage to the heart.

Several days were spent in fellowship with leaders of the church and in Christian Endeavor rallies in Cuttack, Madras, Vellore, and Ranipet. These rallies were under the leadership of Rev. Titus Ebenezer, the honorary general secretary, Rev. Albert Jacob and Rev. P. Clement Jabakumar, full-time travelling secretaries, B. K. Pramanik, treasurer, and others.

One can hardly imagine the excitement that is experienced by the Christian Endeavorers in some of the areas when the World's Union president visits their community. For instance,

on May 14 I visited St. Thomas Mount near Madras where the Apostle Thomas is thought to have come as a missionary and there was stabbed to death. There is a monument over where he was buried and a church was built at the spot. The present building is known to be over 400 years old. Over its altar is a rough stone cross that is supposed to have been chiseled out of the rock by the Apostle Thomas. He was kneeling before it when he was slain.

Mr. Ebenezer and the two travelling secretaries took me in an Ambassador (the best of the three makes of car permitted in India) for a two hour drive to Pattabiram, Thandarai, for a reception at 5:30 p.m. We drove through large groups of pedestrians on the highways and streets, with bullock carts, cars, trucks, busses, bicycles, and motorcycles everywhere. It seemed impossible to get through, but by laying on the horn button the way would open and we got through. We finally arrived about six o'clock to find hundreds of townspeople gathered for the reception.

We partook of refreshments consisting of tea heavily sweetened and about one-third milk, cookies, and sweets, and many other things I could not eat; speeches were made, a printed address of welcome was read (an elaborately framed copy was delivered to me), and garlands were placed around my neck, one of which was made of fresh woven flowers. At the top the roll of flowers was about five inches thick; it tapered off to a point near the floor when I stood with it around my neck and shoulders. It weighed about 25 pounds. All of this was in a temperature of over 100°.

At about 7:30 p.m., as it began

to darken, they formed a procession to march through the crowded streets to the place of meeting, about a mile away, with banners carried by Christian Endeavor delegation groups, makeshift bands playing, singing groups, parade scouts here and there, and a couple of thousand marching, singing people. Occasionally fireworks went off and burst high overhead. There were frequent streamers stretched across the parade street welcoming the World's Christian Endeavor president. At the head of the procession I was in an open car, seated at the back with my feet on the back seat cushion and with all the garlands around my neck.

As we came near the park where the open air rally was to be held, I was asked to get down and walk with the leaders of the procession. As we walked through the street with people, people everywhere and much excitement all around, suddenly a man lunged through the crowd, leaped upon my back, and threw his arms around my shoulders, garlands and all. Fortunately he was not a heavy man and he did not throw me off balance even though it was a surprise. I did not know whether he was friend or foe, so I quickly looked at his hands to see if he had a weapon. I grabbed his wrists and pulled his hands apart and by that time a couple of men took him away.

The leaders surrounded me and hurried me to the platform. Of course, only a handful of people of the great crowds were aware of the incident. The service went ahead and no men-

tion was made of it. Several thousand people assembled in the park, most of whom sat on the ground; delegations gave various items and I preached. At the close of the service it was reported to me that the man who threw his arms around me was a harmless lunatic. Evidently this man who was suffering from mental illness was overstimulated by the excitement. We then drove on to Vellore where we arrived about midnight and I was given a room in the dormitory section of the hospital made famous by Dr. Ida Scudder.

I have discovered that anything can happen in the life of a World's Christian Endeavor Union president, but I am thankful for the wonderful opportunity to preach the Gospel of Christ to the great masses and to see the eager response on the part of young people and adults. India is a great open door to Christian Endeavor. There are over 2,500 societies under splendid native leadership. One is impressed by the high quality of young workers that have accepted the challenge of service for Christ and the Church under the banner of Christian Endeavor.

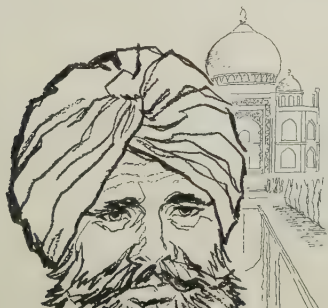
(Reports of Lebanon and Egypt will appear in a future issue.)

White House Conference

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dent then directed each Cabinet official to meet with Stephen Hess, National Chairman of the Conference, to receive the recommendations relating to his agencies. Those meetings are in progress.

Members of the Delegate Follow-up Committee met again June 10 to plan for the future. Herein lies the real measure of the White House Conference — what will be done with and because of the reports and recommendations of 1,500 concerned youth and adults.



NEWS



CAKES FOR CARPET was the purpose of a bake sale May 22 at Great Western Shopping Center, Columbus, Ohio, sponsored by Junior High Endeavorers of First United Brethren in Christ Church. The sale resulted in a \$35 contribution toward new carpet for the sanctuary. Pictured are (from left) Theresa Fox, Pam Burns, and Anita Nash. Rick Burns is president and Mrs. Anna E. Voss counselor.

Hurley Named

Paul F. Hurley of Ellittsburg, Pennsylvania, has been appointed to serve until July 1972 as chairman of the Finance Committee, completing the term of Carroll M. Wright who resigned in May. Mr. Hurley has just been named assistant executive director of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for Public Education.

Canadian Prexy

Matthew Dunlop of Hamilton, Ontario, has been elected as 1971-73 president of the Canadian Union. Mr. Dunlop, who was born in Scotland, is foreman of the rolling mills of Steel Company of Canada, Ltd. He and his wife Alice are active in New Westminster Presbyterian Church where he is an elder, Sunday school teacher and treasurer, and advisor for the Young People's Society. Mr. Dunlop also serves as treasurer of the Hamilton Christian Endeavor Fellowship.



ANOTHER CE WINDOW is this one from St. David's Union Church (United Church of Christ and Lutheran), Route #2, Hanover, Pennsylvania. A society was organized in the church in 1893 and continued through the years, with a Junior High School, and Adult Society now meeting each Sunday evening. When a new church was built in 1914, this window was donated by the Endeavorers.





ENDEAVORERS IN ACTION

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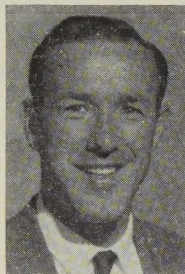
Congratulations to *Mrs. R. Owen Harrison* of Columbus, who was named Ohio "Mother of the Year" and received a merit citation for her work with Christian Endeavor . . . Congratulations also to *Right Rev. Dr. F. Rupert Gibson*, World's Union vice-president, who was installed June 7 as the Right Rev. the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. . . . Christian sympathy to the family and friends of *Dr. Guy P. Leavitt* of Florida, long time editor of THE LOOKOUT, who died April 15. . . . Best wishes to *P. Clement Jabakumar*, B.A., B.D., in his new position as the second travelling-secretary of the India Union.

Publications Month

During October new subscriptions to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, JUNIOR CE MEETINGS, and YOUTH CE MEETINGS are only \$1 each, just half price. Cash must accompany orders.

OREGON CONVENTION scenes include (right) president Bob Hewitt, III, and Erin Franklin with Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Leo-Rhynie of Kingston, Jamaica. Dr. Leo-Rhynie was the guest speaker for the convention March 25-28 in Oregon City, with 1,053 registered delegates. Winner of the Junior High Bible Bowl quiz on Romans 12 was the team from Portland Union (below, right) with Douglas Union finishing second. Convention theme was "Life Is the Question — Christ Is the Answer."

Leads California



President of the California Union is Marlin D. Miller of Arroyo Grande. Mr. Miller is elementary principal of the Farmersville School District and is active in First Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Delores have three children—Robert, 8; Mary, 6; and Della, 3. He has been president of the San Luis Obispo Union and has served as counselor for junior high and high school societies.

News from Norway

Word has been received that the Endeavorers of Norway are continuing to use the Christian Endeavor House in Oslo as the center of their activities, even though the building is now the property of the Bishopric of Oslo.

Photos by Robert E. Howard



1971 HONOR ROLL

Societies, unions, and other groups which have enrolled during the months of April, May, and June in the 1971 Christian Endeavor Roll Call are listed here. Each organization received an enrollment certificate. Those contributing \$100 or more received a gold seal certificate; red seal certificates were sent indicating gifts of \$50 or more and blue seals a contribution of at least \$15.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by states and provinces. Others which enroll after June 30 will be listed in future issues.

SOCIETIES

Gold Seal

Societies of Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas

Red Seal

Senior, First Reformed Church of Lansing, Lansing, Illinois
Adult, Grayston Avenue United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
Adult, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherston, Ontario

Blue Seal

True Light Bible School, Punta Gorda, Florida
Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Chicago, Illinois
Senior High, First Reformed Church, Fulton, Illinois
Senior High, First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Junior, Twin Lakes Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Junior, Bayview Presbyterian Church, Keyport, New Jersey
Senior League, Oak Street United Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio
Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Codorus, Pennsylvania
Adult Community, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Adult, Fishburn United Methodist Church, Hershey, Pennsylvania
Senior High, Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Junior, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania
Bethany United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania

Zelteneich-Mt. Tabor, United Church of Christ, New Holland, Pennsylvania
Young People's, Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, Temple, Pennsylvania
Societies of First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, South Carolina
Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee
Allen Fellowship, Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, Dallas, Texas

UNIONS

Gold Seal

New York State Union
Texas Union
Washington State Union

Red Seal

Oregon Union
Wisconsin Union

Blue Seal

Vermilion County Alumni, Illinois
Queens County, New York
Miami Valley, Ohio
Delaware County Junior, Pennsylvania
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Franklin County, Pennsylvania
Old York Road Branch, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
Dallas District, Texas
"Counties for Christ," West Virginia
Ontario Union

OTHER GROUPS

Gold Seal

Christian Education Department, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Chicago, Illinois
Wurdack Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri

Blue Seal

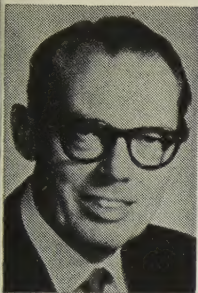
Riverside United Church of Canada, Shelburne, Ontario

Plant and Prune

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shared in such projects. Work on trees is heavy, and will need expert supervision. Gardens of hardy flowers instead of weeds, are provided after consulting the proper highway personnel. Shrubs approved by the authorities are purchased, planted, and kept trimmed. Travelers will be grateful for this care of God's earth.

—B.H.D.



AS I SEE IT

Looking Across The President's Desk

By ELWOOD DUNN

"If you want to learn to swim you have to get in the water."

"If you want to play golf you must get on the course and start swinging the clubs."

"If you want to learn to speak in public you must speak in public."

These are but expressions of the old and accepted dictum that you learn by doing. This has been at the heart of Christian Endeavor from the beginning. Skills are acquired by practice. This is true of sports skills as well as those of a more intangible nature such as leading, serving as a chairman, and getting along with people. This is why Christian Endeavor has been so valuable to a multitude of business and professional people.

But it does not just stop there in Christian Endeavor. There have been important areas where members of the movement have counted the practice as much more important than the theory. From the beginning Christian Endeavor has been interracial in practice. National gatherings were not held where any of the constituency was not equally welcome or would not receive the same treatment. Certainly, none of us would claim perfection in this area nor that we have done all that could be done, but at least there has been continued practice of equality in the sight of our common Lord and a striving to present opportunities to serve to all. We continue in earnest prayer and common searching for the Lord to show us the way to be more com-

pletely Christian in our practice with all people everywhere.

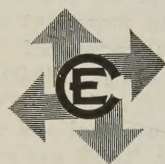
Christian Endeavor has been an inspiring instance of the practice of Christian unity. The movement from the beginning has recognized that there are devout, obedient Christians in every movement and that with these there could be a real and vital experience of unity. There are existing differences of views and divergent practices, but when the people come together there is a challenging unity in Christ. There has been open discussion and recognition of the differences and at the same time a mutual respect for the views held.

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